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[Original.] "Have you no counsel?" asked the judge of a prisoner about to be tried for obtaining money fraudulently. He was an elderly man, through whose shabby clothes one might see evidences of respectability.

"I have not, your honor." The judge turned to a young lawyer present, one who had recently been admitted to practice, and said: "You may take this case."

The prisoner and his counsel withdrew, and when they were alone the latter asked his client for information.

"The trouble started twenty years ago," said the accused man. "My wife was greatly troubled that we had no child and constantly longed for one, though it seemed to me that my income was too small for two, to say nothing of three. However, circumstances brought us a boy, two years old and pretty as a picture, who had been born of other parents. His father and mother, acquaintances of ours, died within a few days of each other of pneumonia and left him absolutely uncared for. We took him to our home and gave him all the attention he required, intending to bring him up as our adopted son. He was a bright little fellow and very affectionate. Of course at that age he soon forgot his father and mother, and since we took their places he supposed he was our own child. I was very fond of him, and my wife, who idolized him, spent a great deal of money dressing him and buying pretty things for him. He was taken sick with scarlet fever, and we watched over him night and day till he recovered. This, of course, meant a large doctor's bill, which neither I nor my wife would have objected to had we the means to meet it, and even as it was we were rejoiced because our pet suffered nothing in consequence of an ailment which leaves so many children blighted.

"One day when the child was four years old he disappeared. Some children with whom he was playing at the time on the sidewalk said that a man came along who took him by the hand and led him away, promising him that he would buy him some candy. We believed that he had been kidnaped for ransom, but as no ransom was ever demanded we were puzzled. My wife was frantic about her loss, and I confess I was stunned. We hired private detectives to trace him, but they failed to find him.

"After giving up hope, I counted up my indebtedness, all of which had been incurred for our dear boy, and found it more than \$2,000. I wished to conceal the matter from my wife, whose love for the child and her extravagance on his account had partially caused it. I carried the load secretly for years, robbing Peter to pay Paul, hoping that my affairs would take a favorable turn and I might pay it off. But as I grew older my services became less valuable, and the debt became greater on account of the exorbitant rate of interest I was forced to pay. It occurred to me that if I could get it into the hands of one man I could handle it more easily. So I persuaded a man to buy up the claims. But I found myself only in a worse condition than before. The fellow induced me to sign a paper, the contents of which I did not read carefully. It contained misrepresentations. Thinking he could bleed me through relatives (who would not turn a hand to save me), he made a criminal charge."

The young lawyer listened to this recital attentively and, when it was finished, without asking for any further details, returned to the court room and asked for a continuance of the case till a subsequent date. This was granted, the prisoner was remanded and the attorney went away.

The next day the lawyer drove up in a carriage to the prison and presented a paper directing the discharge of his client. The old man, wondering, stepped out in the light of day, and his counsel bade him enter the carriage, saying that he would drive him home. The newly discharged prisoner obeyed, momentarily expecting an explanation. None came. Then they drove up to a shabby cottage and were met by an old lady who, when the discharged man muttered the word "free," fell into his arms and wept. Then when they were in the house the lawyer took the hand of each in his and said: "I am the boy you lost eighteen years ago. Yesterday after hearing your story I went home, examined some papers that have long been in my possession and found, as I suspected, that you were my foster parents. I was stolen away by a relative who had learned that I had fallen heir through an aunt to a fortune. His purpose was through me to get possession of my legacy. He traced me after my parents' death to you, but as he feared you would not give me up he concluded to entice me away. He failed to secure my fortune, but that story I can tell you another time. Here is a receipt for your indebtedness—my indebtedness rather—which I have paid. For the rest of your lives I shall endeavor to take care of you as you took care of me."

He had not finished speaking before the old lady had wound her arms about him, the tears streaming from her eyes, and at his last word the three stood for a time silent. Then the young man said: "Come, this is no place for my father and mother. You shall see what comforts I have in store for you."

The care lavished upon the old couple so long as they lived was an expression of pure gratitude, for their benefactor had been too young when stolen to remember them when he was restored to them.

Short Lived Bachelors. "Do bachelors die young? Do they die earlier than married men?" asked a single man. "It would seem so. I was just reading a report which seems to argue strongly in favor of the matrimonial idea. The report shows that the mortality among bachelors from the age of thirty to forty-five years is said to be 27 per cent, while among married men of the same age it is 18 per cent. For forty-one bachelors who attain the age of forty years there are seventy-eight married men who attain the same age. The difference is still more striking in persons of advanced age. At sixty years of age there remain but twenty-two bachelors for forty-eight married men, at seventy years eleven bachelors for twenty-seven married men and at eighty years three bachelors for nine married men. These figures seem to indicate that the best thing for a man to do is to get him a wife and shake wearing cares of bachelorhood. We all want to live as long as possible and live happily if we can. Some bachelors are reasonably happy. But all of them are not. Get married. That's the proper caper."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Michael Angelo's Work. Michael Angelo relied almost entirely upon form—the form of the figure and of the draperies. He told Pope Julian II, when the latter requested him to paint the ceiling of the Sistine chapel at Rome, that he was not a painter, but a sculptor; yet, after he had shut himself up for four years—from 1508 to 1512—and the scaffold was removed, a result had been achieved which is without parallel in the world. Very wonderful is the work which Michael Angelo spread over this vast area of 10,000 square feet. The fact that there are 343 principal figures, many of colossal size, besides a great number of others introduced for decorative effect, and that the creator of this vast scheme was only thirty-three when he began his work—all this is marvelous, prodigious, and yet not so marvelous as the variety of expression in the figures of which Jehovah is only one figure in a small side arch.—Charles H. Caffin in St. Nicholas.

The Cruelty of Pate de Foie Gras. To eat pate de foie gras is luxury, but to prepare the delicacy for the table is prolonged torture—for the goose. The Humanitarian league of England has issued a pamphlet on the subject. "We behold," says an eyewitness, "innumerable geese in this torture chamber, bound fast to the table. They lie on their backs as if crucified. We watched how the women pressed some new victims against the tables so that the hinder parts should hang over the edge." Two months of torture for the goose are considered necessary before its liver is sufficiently diseased to be marketable. The fowls are fed to repletion with salted maize, and by this means the liver is increased to the abnormal weight of two or even three pounds. Strassburg and Toulouse are the chief places of manufacture and the trade amounts to several hundred thousand dollars annually.

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